

# Appendix 2 Policy Solutions votes

The total 'must have' and 'nice to have' votes for all solutions are provided in the below. They have been arranged by must have votes in descending order. Although participants were asked to prioritise three as must have and three as nice to have, in some cases participants voted more or less than asked.

| Policy Cluster   | Policy Solution   | Nice to Have | Must Have |
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| More social rented homes   | Invest in a new generation of social homes (at least 90k a year)  | 2            | 41        |
| Make rented housing more affordable                                  | Introduce a rent increase cap, so landlords can't be too greedy and keep rising the rent  | 11           | 25        |
| Make rented housing more affordable                                  | Unfreeze local housing allowance and base on actual rents   | 5            | 18        |
| Better housing rights and help to enforce them or deal with problems | Invest in accessible, reachable and relatable housing support services to prevent people from eviction and homelessness or help people who are struggling with housing problems | 4            | 16        |
| Better management of rented homes                                    | Invest in existing social homes to improve standards  | 3            | 15        |
| Better management of rented homes                                    | Invest in, and give stronger powers to, local authority housing enforcement teams (who enforce standards in private rented housing)   | 4            | 15        |
| More social rented homes   | Make sure we build the right quality and mix of social rent homes, e.g. family homes, in the places they're most needed   | 12           | 14        |
| Better housing rights and help to enforce them or deal with problems | Right to suitable emergency accommodation for everyone at risk of the street  | 14           | 14        |
| More social rented homes   | Improve the funding model, e.g. prioritise funding of social rent homes over affordable rent/shared ownership   | 1            | 12        |
| Make rented housing more affordable                                  | Abolish the household benefit cap (which deducts housing benefit when people not in work/earning less than £722pcm)   | 10           | 11        |

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| Better management of rented homes                                    | Reinstate rights to Legal Aid for tenants can get a solicitor to enforce their rights to decent conditions   | 2   | 10  |
| Better housing rights and help to enforce them or deal with problems | Right to suitable accommodation for homeless families who go to social services for help   | 6   | 10  |
| Make rented housing more affordable                                  | Stop sharp increases in social rents   | 14  | 8   |
| Better housing rights and help to enforce them or deal with problems | Abolish 'No Recourse to Public Funds' and 'Right to Rent' policy   | 4   | 8   |
| Better management of rented homes                                    | Make it easier to move ('transfer') between social homes   | 11  | 7   |
| Better management of rented homes                                    | Create a National Tenant Union to give a strong national, regional and local voice to social tenants   | 6   | 6   |
| Better housing rights and help to enforce them or deal with problems | Invest in free legal advice and advocacy services for people with housing problems, e.g. via the Legal Aid system  | 9   | 6   |
| More social rented homes   | Abolish or reform Right to Buy to stop the loss of social rented homes   | 16  | 5   |
| Better management of rented homes                                    | Stronger government guidance to councils on allocation of social housing, to make it more standardised, transparent and fair   | 5   | 5   |
| Better management of rented homes                                    | Encourage more training and accreditation of private landlords   | 8   | 4   |
| More social rented homes   | Make it easier to get land to build social housing, e.g. by removing 'hope value' or buying back land  | 14  | 3   |
| More social rented homes   | Improve planning system to get more social rented housing delivered, e.g. definition of 'affordable housing'   | 16  | 3   |
| Better management of rented homes                                    | Improve the management of temporary accommodation for homeless people by requiring temporary accommodation providers to be registered with the Regulator of Social Housing | 10  | 3   |
| Better housing rights and help to enforce them or deal with problems | Empower and educate people to know their housing rights and responsibilities (as tenants)  | 12  | 3   |
|  | <b>Total votes</b>   | 199 | 262 |



